

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4629

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DEPT PASS EPA FOR STROTHER

DEPT PASS INTERIOR/USFWS FOR SCRIBINE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SENV, UR, US  
SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: RESEARCH ON BLACK-FOOTED  
FERRET (02.05-1102)

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FEBRUARY 25 LETTER FROM KRINITSKIY TO  
ERIKSON PROVIDING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING FERRETS AT  
PATUXENT. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO EPA FOR STROTHER. SUMMARY OF TEXT  
FOLLOWS.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE TRANSMITTED IN FULL, NUMBERED ACCORDING  
TO NUMBERED QUESTIONS IN U.S. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. INFORMATION WA  
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SUPPLIED BY D.V. TERNOVSKIY, BIOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, NOVOSIBIRSK.

(ONE-WA) ALL FEMALE STEPPE POLECATS SENT TO U.S. HAS  
REPRODUCED WELL EARLIER.

(ONE-B) NO DISORDERS IN REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEMS WERE OBSERVED.

(ONE-C) THE POLECATS WERE STRONG AND WERE NOT TREATED.

(ONE-D) THE POLECATS WERE NOT GIVEN ANY DRUGS.

(ONE-E) NO BACTERIAL OR VIRUS ORGANISMS WERE ISOLATED IN THE  
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POLECATS.

(ONE-F) NO PARASITES WERE FOUND IN THE POLECATS.

(TWO) IN DETERMINING OPTIMAL DATES OF RUT FOR BREEDING, THE METHOD  
USED

WAS MICROSCOPIC ANALYSIS OF VAGINAL SMEARS. THE ESTRUS WAS  
DETERMINED BY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEI-LESS SCALES.

(THREE) EXACT ESTRUS DURATION CANNOT BE DETERMINED BECAUSE

OF HIGH INTERSPECIFIC VARIABILITY.

(FOUR AND FIVE) THIS FEATURE HAS NOT BEEN STUDIED.

(SIX) FOR BREEDING PURPOSES, SINGLE COUPLING WAS EMPLOYED,  
VERIFIED BY ANALYSIS OF VAGINAL SMEARS AFTER COITUS.

(SEVEN) AS THE POLECATS REPRODUCED WELL, NO SPECIAL PREPARATIONS  
WAS USED TO STIMULATE REPRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

(EIGHT) WE DID NOT INVESTIGATE THIS QUESTION.

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